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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### MORE STRIKES IN AUSTRIA.

#### Big Demonstrations in Vienna.

London, January 21.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the *Lokal Anzeiger* reports growing strikes in Austria. There have been big demonstrations in Vienna, crowds blocking the traffic. The Labour organ *Arbeiter Zeitung* appeals to food workers and railway workers not to strike, as it adds to the distress.

#### Strikes Spreading Like Wild-Fire.

London, January 21.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Zurich the latest reports are that the strikes in Austria and Hungary are spreading like wild-fire. A general strike began at Budapest on Friday morning, the entire railway, tram and underground services being stopped. Thirty-one meetings were held in the afternoon in different parts of the city. Shops were closed and the public were not allowed in the streets after six in the evening. The number of strikers in Vienna is estimated to be 100,000. Up to the present there have been no disturbances. The *Arbeiter Zeitung* in a manifesto warns the Government that the working classes can only be pacified if assured that the best negotiations are not frustrated through territorial demands. The Labourites also insist on being consulted in the negotiations.

With unwonted outspokenness, which perhaps accounts for the vitriolic comments of German newspapers regarding the situation, the Austrian *Arbeiter Zeitung* says:—"After forty months of war and privations, hopes of peace appeared when from Brest came Hoffmann's sabbat speech. The masses fear that peace is dependant on the militarists in Berlin. Normal conditions can only be resumed when the Government has shown it has heard the voice of Labour and speedily concludes peace." The fact that the Austrian censor allowed this to be published seems to indicate that the Vienna Government is not altogether displeased at the Labour rising.

## THE RUSSIAN TURMOIL.

### An Ironical Situation.

London, January 21.  
As expected, the Bolsheviks made short work of the Constituent Assembly, which they found themselves hopelessly out-voted. The Government took every step to overcome its opponents, for field guns dashed the entrance and machine guns were much in evidence, while firing in the streets punctuated the proceedings. Nevertheless, the majority defied the Government, despite the lavish display of bayonets. Half the irony of the whole situation is that both sides have practically identical programmes, but personal ambitions make an impassable gulf on the road to an agreement. It is expected that the Constituent Assembly will soon be followed by a National Convention, elected by the Soviets. The Red Guards are confiscating and burning anti-Bolshevik newspapers wholesale.

## WOOLWICH ENGINEERS' DEMAND.

### Government Asked to Negotiate Peace.

London, January 21.  
A meeting of two thousand engineers of Woolwich Arsenal has passed a resolution demanding that the Government negotiate with the belligerents on the basis of self-determination for all nations, no annexations and no indemnities. Should such action demonstrate that German Imperialism is the only obstacle to peace, then the meeting is determined to co-operate in the prosecution of the war, until these objects are achieved.

The *Daily Telegraph's* well-informed Labour correspondent considers that a referendum of the Engineers themselves will result in a large majority in favour of the man-power proposals.

## FIRE ON A TRAINING SHIP.

### London, January 21.

Fire broke out in the training ship *Warspite* at Greenhithe. The boats were safely landed.

## JAPAN'S ARMAMENT CONTRACT WITH CHINA.

### London, January 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo says it is stated that Japan has contracted to sell China four millions sterling worth of armaments.

## THE CAMBRAI ENQUIRY.

### London, January 21.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Boser Law stated that all the documents connected with the Cambrai enquiry were submitted to the War Cabinet, at whose request General Smuts went through them. General Smuts' report was approved by the Cabinet and was not subject to revision by Lord Derby or any Army Councillor. The decision not to publish the result of the enquiry was taken by the War Cabinet.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

### London, January 21.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports that a few prisoners were taken in patrol encounters.

## PEACE BETWEEN GERMANY AND UKRAINE.

### London, January 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that agreement has been reached at Brest-Litovsk between the Central Powers and Ukraine under which war terminates and both parties immediately resume economic relations. The delegations will consult their respective Governments prior to the ratification of the final Peace Treaty. The telegram does not mention the peace terms.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE DARDANELLES NAVAL FIGHT.

#### Turkish Cruisers' Attempt to Join the Austrians.

London, January 21.  
The monitor *Raglan*, which was sunk in the engagement with the *Goeben* and the *Breslau* at the entrance to the Dardanelles, was commanded by Viscount Broome, nephew of Lord Kitchener and heir to the title. Both monitors appear to be of the small-gun type. Experts are of the opinion that the *Goeben* and *Breslau* were probably attempting to break out and join the Austrians in the Adriatic, reversing the order of the dash from Messina to the Dardanelles in 1914.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### DARDANELLES NAVAL ACTION.

#### London, January 20.

The Admiralty reports that the *Goeben* and *Breslau* and destroyers were in action with British forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles on Sunday morning. The *Breslau* was sunk. The *Goeben* escaped, but was beached, badly damaged, at Nagara Point, in the Narrows. The *Goeben* is now being attacked by Naval aircraft. Our losses were the monitor *Raglan* and a small monitor.

The *Goeben* is an armoured cruiser of 22,600 tons displacement, built at Hamburg in 1911. She originally carried ten 11-in.; twelve 5.9-in. and twelve 3.4-in. guns. Her speed was 23.8 knots and her complement 1,013.

The *Breslau* is a cruiser of 4,300 tons, built at Stettin in 1911. She carried twelve 4.1-in. guns. Her speed was 27.5 knots and complement 370.

## THE CHAOS IN RUSSIA.

### Petrograd, January 19.

It is considered probable that the Social Revolutionary and the Maximalist members of the Constituent Assembly will proclaim themselves a National Convention.

There were exciting scenes during the debates. One member drew a revolver against the Social Revolutionary leader, Tsereteli, but was disarmed.

There was a recurrence of the shooting on the Litany Prospect this afternoon when a procession of members of the Constituent Assembly was attacked. The badges and banners carried by the processionists were torn down and burned by the Red Guards. One soldier carrying a flag remained in the middle of the road. He shouted: "I have been two years at the front. Kill me if you wish." The Red Guards shot him dead. The processionists included many women, girls, officers, disabled soldiers, students and employees of the Government, the Municipality and the Banks, who are now on strike.

## AUSTRIAN LABOURITES DEMAND PEACE.

### Amsterdam, January 20.

The "Vorwaerts" states that five mass meetings held in Vienna have unanimously passed a resolution that labour demands, with passionate resoluteness, a general peace and protesting against the systematic misinterpretation of the entire bourgeois press of the recent speeches of Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson.

The "Vorwaerts" adds that the debates in the Lower House indicate that the resolution was supported not only by labour but by the mass of the bourgeois.

An article in the "Freidenkblatt" commenting on Ausbuehl has occasioned acid comment in a section of the German press owing to the semi-official character of the "Freidenkblatt," whose article is described as arrogant and impudent interference.

The "Deutsches Zeitung" says: Hands off, no matter to whom the hands belong.

## TRAGIC HAPPENINGS AT WANCHAI.

### STARTLING SEQUEL TO RAID ON ROBBERS' STRONGHOLD.

#### TWO EUROPEAN AND OTHER POLICEMEN SHOT.

#### RIFLE, REVOLVER AND BOMB FUSILADE.

One of the most serious affairs of its kind—if not the most serious—disturbed the Wanchai district of the City today. The historic scenes which were enacted in Sydney Street, London, some few years ago, when a gang of desperate robbers held up the Police with firearms, has been repeated in Gresson Street today in a more intense form and on a much larger scale.

At the time of writing, information of an exact nature is hard to get, for the siege of the street is still in progress. The story which has most currency, and which is in all probability correct, is that the Police were engaged in running down a gang of armed

robbers and succeeded in trapping them to a house in Gresson Street which runs from Queen's Road East to the Praya East. It is known that Detective Inspector Mortimer O'Sullivan and Detective Sergeant Clarke entered No. 6 Gresson Street and were engaged with others in a search when shots were heard to be fired and several men were seen to rush from the building. The alarm was at once given. This happened soon after eleven o'clock.

The next event which stands out clear is that Mr. E. K. Marriott, who resides near to the Convent in St. Francis Street, which is only just across the Queen's Road from Gresson Street, heard the shots, and, seeing his service rifle, went with his wife to the street. A man was seen to be running from the direction of Queen's Road and as he passed Mr. and Mrs. Marriott he fired point blank at them. Fortunately the bullet went wide and, with great promptitude, Mr. Marriott began to chase the fugitive, preparing to shoot the while. Just as the man was about to jump down a declivity in the hillside, Mr. Marriott shot at him, with such good effect that he found the man in a dying condition by the time he arrived. The robber expired almost immediately, and was found to have in his possession a number of revolvers and a large quantity of ammunition. The man's body was later removed to the Mortuary.

Simultaneous with this happening two men, it is said, both armed, made a dash for liberty, firing shots as they went down Queen's Road in the direction of Happy Valley. One man left his store behind, and a chase was made. At the time of writing, there is no definite news to be had as to the fate of these two men, but a story is in circulation that one of them was chased by an Indian constable right up into the Kennedy Road where he turned and shot the constable, but the truth of this cannot yet be vouched for.

Inspector Sim, with others, soon arrived at Gresson Street, where they discovered the house held up by armed men, the number of whom they could not determine. In the meantime, one Indian policeman had been fatally shot, and another wounded in such a manner as to make his chances of recovery very slight. A Chinese constable is also supposed to have been wounded. An urgent message was sent to the Central Police Station and a force of armed men was dispatched to the scene, the fire engine being requisitioned. Accompanying the men were the Hon. C.S.P. (Mr. O. McL. Messer), who took charge of matters on arrival. This force found that three houses in Gresson Street, No. 6 and the two adjoining, were held up by armed men, for shots were fired from them. It was impossible for the exact fate of Inspector O'Sullivan and Sergeant Clarke to be determined, for they were inside the building, an attempt to enter which meant that anyone would have been shot. Possession was taken of the houses adjoining and also on the opposite side of the road, the whole district was surrounded by armed men, and a number of men were detailed off to occupy and watch the downstairs part of the robbers' stronghold. One man, whether a robber or not could not be ascertained, was seen to be lying in the yard at the back of one of the houses.

Then commenced a regular siege of the premises, shots being fired at the first sign of any movement in the upstairs portion of the premises. Suggestions were made as to smoking the men out by smoke fuses, or setting fire to the buildings and of using the fire hose to force the inmates out, but these measures could not be adopted owing to it being also known that others, besides the robbers were inside, and that Inspector O'Sullivan and Sergeant Clarke might still be alive. The Police were handicapped only by this uncertainty, but in every other direction there is only admiration for the way in which they dealt with the situation. The Hon. C.S.P., Sergeants Wills, Cockle, Murphy, Peplow and others were seen to be constantly in the dangerous zone, trying to discover the exact forces against them.

In the meantime, the injured man had been removed to hospital and a great crowd of people had assembled in the neighbourhood, and a great number of people were seen to be constantly in the dangerous zone, trying to discover the exact forces against them.

of Police Reservists were also working. For over an hour nothing of great consequence happened except the firing of shots by the men laying siege, who kept a vigilant watch for any movement. On several occasions, inmates of the houses came out, among them women and children. All the men were carefully searched and any who appeared to be suspicious were detained. Prominent officials had been continually arriving. His Excellency the Governor coming on to the scene soon after one o'clock. There were also noticed Mr. P.P.J. Wodehouse, D.S.P., Mr. T.H. King, A.S.P., Mr. T.F. Hough, and Mr. Franks, A.S.P.'s of the Police Reserve, Mr. Robertson, and others.

It was nearing half past one when Sergeant Wills, who had deployed up a side passage to see if any better information could be obtained from there, was seen to come hobbling out as best he could on one leg. Assistance was promptly given him and he told of how he had just come in sight of a window when he was shot at. The bullet was found to have passed through his leg, just above the knee. He was at once conveyed on a stretcher to the Government Civil Hospital.

By going through a house in Queen's Road, the back of which overlooked the premises occupied by the robbers, the Police were able to see into the small room where Inspector O'Sullivan and Sergeant Clarke were, and could then see the two men, lying on the floor, apparently dead, for they were showing no signs of life.

What might have been a serious matter occurred just at this time. A Chinese detective, who had discarded his tunic, and who was indistinguishable from a civilian, was seen to come out of a house in the Queen's Road, where he must have gone to obtain a better view. Of course he was armed, and, as he was hurrying, it was surmised by some of the watchers, who had not recognised him, that he was one of the robbers trying to escape. Anyhow, one man fired blankly at him, but fortunately the man was not hit. Before a second shot was fired, his identity had been shouted out by someone, and the innocent detective was not made a further target. He certainly had a lucky escape.

It was approaching two o'clock when it was reported by the watchers in the house immediately opposite that no movement had been noticed for half an hour.

#### Liter.

The police now decided to resort to sterner measures, Major Robertson, of the Army Ordinance Department, being in charge of a bombing party. Not a little difficulty was experienced in getting the inmates of the adjoining houses out, partly from fear of being shot by the robbers when they left, or of being shot by the police on the supposition that they were robbers themselves. After some parleying, they were prevailed upon to leave and it was a pitiful crowd that poured out of the doors of the houses in the vicinity. Mostly women and children, they scattered through the street, some of them in a half-fainting condition. Nearly all the women carried small children, and there were one or two very aged persons who had to be assisted up the street. At this time the police were holding a conversation with one of the robbers at the back of the building. Apparently he had not been wounded at all, but was held back from surrendering through mortal fear of the consequences if he came out. He repeatedly threatened that if any one went into him he would shoot himself, and the police were loath to put in a bomb early for fear of hitting

ing or wounding friends. As an alternative, the man was given five minutes to surrender, but at the end of this time he had not done so, and, creeping up the gable-end of the house in a street which ends in a cul-de-sac, someone threw a bomb over into the yard, where it was surmised the robber was hiding. There was a crash and then a long silence and it was concluded that the man had been killed. The police entered the premises and discovered him lying wounded on the floor of the yard. Apparently he had not been injured by the bomb, but it is certain he carried out his threat of shooting himself, a bullet wound being found in his left side and another on the scalp. It was at first thought that another dead body known to be near the same place was that of a robber, but events proved to the contrary, it being found that he was a Chinese detective. From what can be gathered he had been shot by the robbers, there being a bullet wound in the stomach and one in the head. It would appear that earlier in the fray he had either attempted to climb up the wall at the back to enter the house, or he had entered at the stairway and climbed on to the roof.

It is perfectly certain that he had been shot while on the roof or a wall situated lower down, for apart from the injuries due to the gunshot wounds he had sustained a broken arm and other evidences that he had fallen from some considerable height. The robber who had shot himself was brought out still alive and was taken to the Hospital in an ambulance. It is thought that, altogether, four robbers were shot and all appear to be dead except the one just referred to. As soon as possible after the bombing, the police entered the houses and there found Detective Inspector Mortimer O'Sullivan and Detective Sergeant Clarke. Both were on the first floor in upstairs and both had been shot through the head. Both of them were quite dead when found, and their bodies were conveyed to the mortuary.

From the way in which the robbers were dressed, and judging from their features, they are Northern Chinese. All of them, with the exception of one dressed in good European clothes, with gold sleeve links and with a gold watch in pocket, wore short-fur-lined coats. From all appearances they seem to belong to the class which are commonly seen going through the streets doing conjuring tricks.

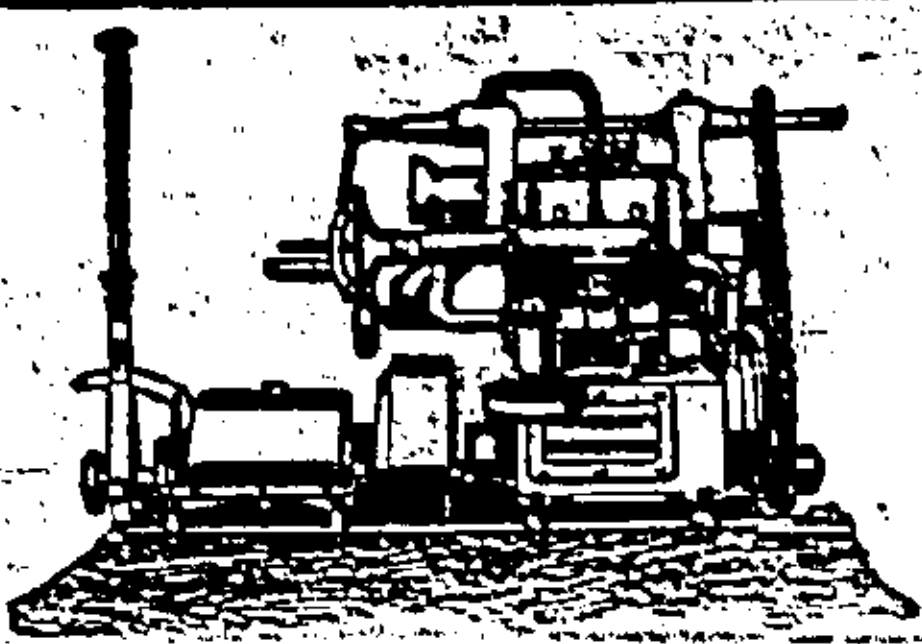
Inspector Mortimer O'Sullivan, who was probably one of the best known members of the Police Force, was born in 1877, and was therefore forty-one years of age. He joined the Hongkong Police Force in 1898 as a constable, in 1903 he attained the rank of Full Sergeant, Inspector (third class) in 1911, and, in the following year, he was promoted to the Second Class. In 1914 he was an Inspector of the First Class. As his record indicates, he was a smart and efficient officer. He was married and has a family, for whom much sympathy will be felt.

Detective Sergt. Clarke had been in the force for many years and was extremely well-known and popular. He also was a married man, residing at the Police Quarters at the Central Station. In addition to his police work, he was a prominent member of the Fire Brigade. Much sympathy will be felt for the widow.

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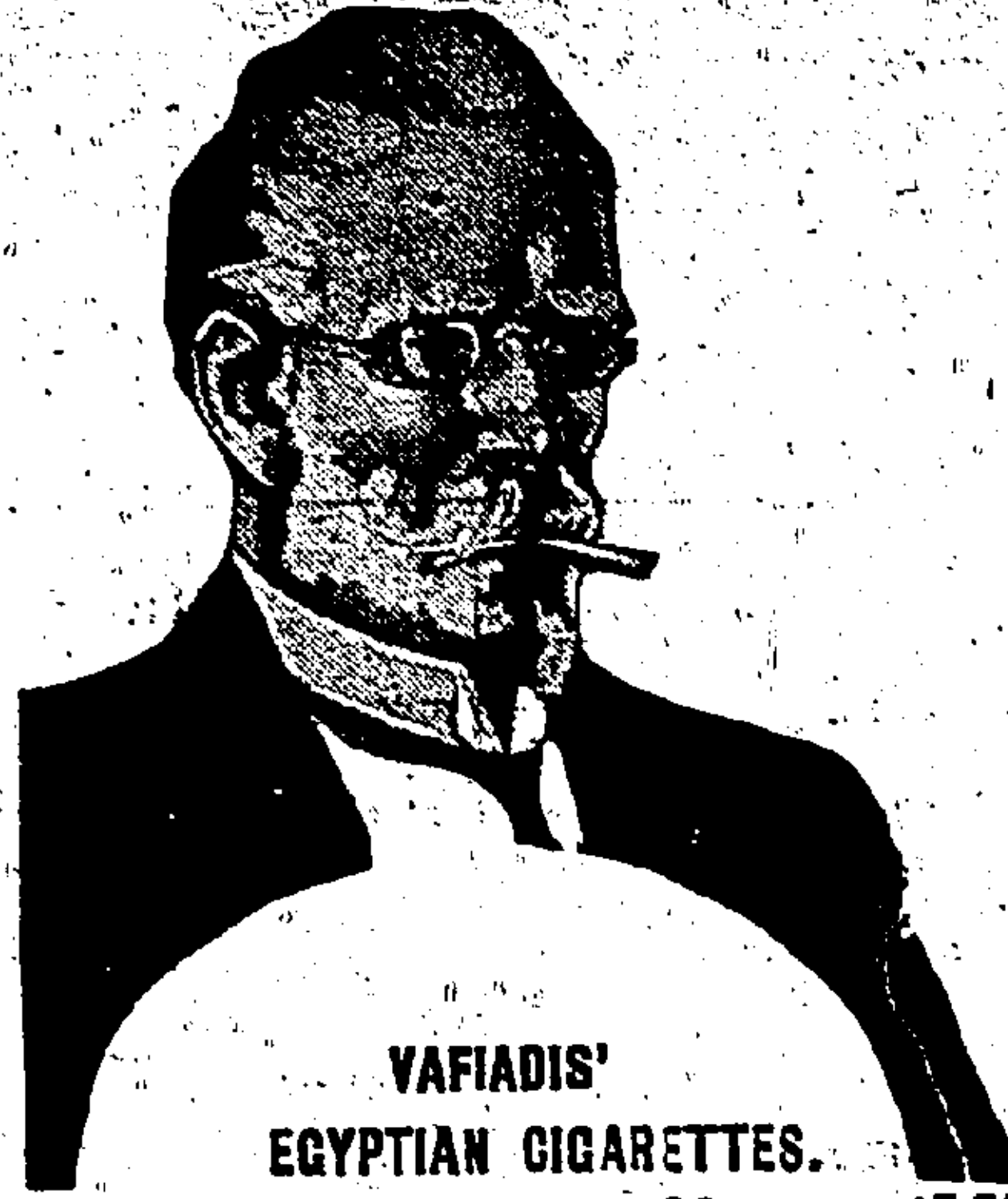
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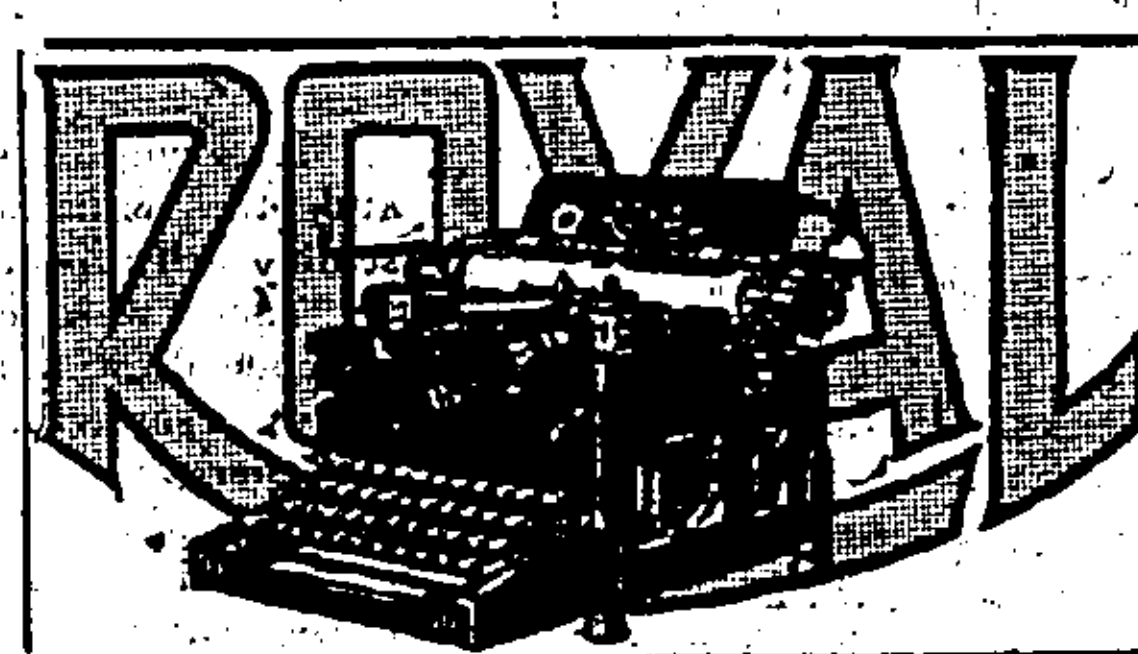
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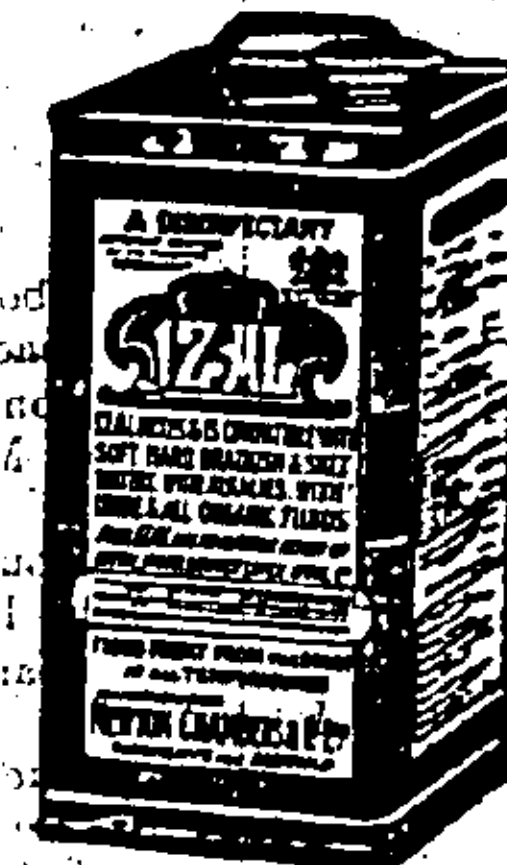
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## GENERAL NEWS.

### "Virginia Western"

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at Weybridge Station and taken  
to Chertsey Workhouse. At their  
meeting the guardians decided to  
name the child Virginia Western.  
—Virginia from the fact that the  
child was supposed to have been  
placed in the train at Virginia  
Water Station, and Western be-  
cause the train belonged to the  
London and South-Western Rail-  
way Company.

Coal Gas On Motor Cars.  
Official sanction for the use of  
coal gas on motor cars has been  
obtained by the Automobile As-  
sociation from the Ministry of  
Munitions. The Ministry says  
that he has no objection to its  
use providing that the gas is  
conveyed in bags at, or slightly  
above, atmospheric pressure, and  
not compressed in steel cylinders.  
At the same time, if motorists  
were to use coal gas on any con-  
siderable scale it might become  
necessary to impose certain res-  
trictions.

Ship Blown up by Acetylene.  
It was stated, at an inquest  
recently that the explosion which  
wrecked the Grimsby trawler  
King Harold was caused through a  
drum of calcium carbide being  
accidentally dropped into the  
engine, which pounded it to  
pieces. The carbide came in  
contact with water in the bilges,  
and the acetylene thus generated  
exploded, wrecking the ship and  
killing three men.

Nurses Foodless in Raids.  
It was complained at a meeting  
of the Southward Guardians re-  
cently that the Food Controller's  
regulations did not provide for  
even a cup of tea or a slice of  
bread and butter to nurses called  
upon to stay up all night during  
raids. The chairman said he was  
absolutely disgusted with the  
whole thing. Nurses had been  
on duty from 8 a.m. until 4 a.m.  
the following morning, but after  
five o'clock they could not break  
their fast until seven o'clock the  
next morning because of the food  
regulations.

"Disgraceful Bribery."  
Sentences were passed at New-  
castle on the three men accused  
of conspiracy and corruption in  
connection with recruiting. The  
accused were Col. Frederick  
George Scott, Capt. John  
Morris, and Pte. Hyman Cohen,  
of the Royal Marine Submarine  
Miners. Scott received sentence  
of 18 months, Morris 15 months,  
and Cohen 8 months, each pri-  
soner also to pay £200 towards  
the costs of the prosecution. Mr.  
Justice Salter described the con-  
spiracy as a disgraceful system of  
bribery.

Husband 16; Bride 48.  
In the Divorce Court Captain  
Geoffrey Brian O'Connell, of the  
Canadian Army, was granted a  
decree nisi for the dissolution of  
his marriage, on the ground of  
his wife's misconduct with a man  
named Ward. Petitioner in 1910,  
when aged 16 and at school in  
Folkestone, married the respon-  
dent who was then 48. Shortly after  
his parents sent him to Canada,  
and he had not lived with re-  
spondent since.

French Army's Football.  
Paris, Oct. 24.—All French  
regiments will have in their  
official equipment in future an  
Association football. This  
announcement, made by the War  
Office, shows the popularity of  
the game in the army of the "Socors."  
While 20 years ago football was  
hardly known in France and  
played only by a few devotees,  
there is not a town to-day which  
does not possess one or more  
even, and the game is played  
all over the front.

Lockjaw from a Root-nail.  
Six thousand units of antitoxin  
were injected into the spine and  
brain of William Duxton, 49, a  
West Ham carman, who was  
admitted to the London Hospital  
for an abscess stage of tetanus.  
A post-mortem revealed that he  
was also suffering from cerebello-  
spinal meningitis. The tetanus  
it was stated at the inquest was  
probably set up by a small wound  
in the toe, caused by a nail in the  
foot. The jury found that death  
was due to lockjaw.



## GENERAL NEWS.

Capt. W. R. McBain.

Captain W. R. McBain, Royal Flying Corps, the second son of Mr. McBain, Oporto Court, has been awarded the Military Cross. He has also been recommended for a French decoration and has been several times mentioned in despatches. At present he is with the 4th Squadron R.F.C. with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in Salonika.

U. S. and China's Tariff. Mr. J. R. Sague, accompanied by his wife and daughter and Mr. Lurion accompanied by his wife, United States representatives to the Chinese Tariff Commission, arrived in Shanghai on Saturday from America. These gentlemen, with Mr. Julian Arnold, will compose the United States' representation.

Pershing Says "Wait and See." A prominent British politician who has just returned from France and a visit to the American training camp is very enthusiastic regarding the thoroughness and extent of the United States preparation. No detailed information may yet be given of the number of American soldiers now in France, but, according to General Pershing himself, by next spring there will be a formidable force ready to take the field. General Pershing is highly amused at the efforts of Berlin to persuade the German people that the military forces of America can never be made effective on the Western front. "When we are ready," he is reported to have said, "our weight will be sufficient to turn the scale. The Allies will get through."

Hangchow's Bad Roads. The Hangchow correspondent of the N.O. Daily News writes:—On Friday an insurance company's representative here on business was doing a sprint to catch the afternoon express for Shanghai when he slipped and fell with great force against the station gate fractured his right arm in several places, dislocated his left elbow, and cut his head. He was taken to the C. M. S. Hospital where his injuries were attended to without delay. On Thursday, Mrs. Taylor, of the C. I. M., was thrown out of her ricksha and broke her arm and was badly bruised. The streets are so rough and neglected that one is surprised there are not more accidents of this kind. Many are thrown out of rickshas these days, but they are so padded with clothing and go over so gently that they don't appear to suffer much.

The United Workers. At a meeting of the Association of United Workers, held last night at Burlington House, Piccadilly, Mr. C. J. Stewart (Public Trustee), the chairman and treasurer, announced that the council very regretfully asked the members to accept their resignation. The association was formed to appeal to the patriotism of the individual and to promote a truer understanding of the national effort required for the successful prosecution of the war. The special committee appointed to consider the position of the society reported that as War Savings work and Food Economy has been taken up by the Government, there was no object that, as a corporate body, they could undertake now. For that reason the council asked the members to accept their resignation. The Countess Ferrers, who seconded the motion, said that the work of the society had been accomplished. The motion was agreed to.

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Russians More Oriental than European.

Paris.—"If America would understand that Russia is no more fit for self-government than Mexico and that the men now directing its destinies are not as well-versed in statecraft as the men composing the Carranza government they would realise the immensity of the task of whipping Russia into a governmental unit that will be helpful to the allies."

A French diplomat, who had been attached to the French embassy in Petrograd and had recently returned to Paris, was describing to a small group of Americans conditions as they existed in Russia.

"You should remember," he continued, "that the Russian is more oriental than European. Government to him is a matter of personality rather than principle. You all know Mexico, and I was with our legation in Mexico City for two years. The Mexican people is a Villista, a Carranzista, a Zapatista, always a follower of some man. He is never fighting for anything politically concrete, but follows his leader to whichever side he may drift."

"The Russian model is a counterpart of the Mexican people, politically. He has for centuries looked upon the Czar as the 'little father,' a tangible personality whom he more or less deified, rather than the mere head of a form of government."

"To-day personalities still continue to dominate the country. It is necessary that America get a true perspective of Russia because she is the only country that can help her. The Russian peasant at heart has a distrust for England, a dislike bordering on hatred for Japan, and at present, I believe, a certain undefined hesitancy in regard to France. America he considers the cradle of democracy and feels that the United States is a sincere friend, eager and anxious to help him."

"Accordingly, it is only America that can bring Russia to a realisation of the part it should yet play in the war against Germany. To-day there is no denying the fact that the country has not its heart in the struggle and is too lost to know just exactly why it is fighting. The European belligerents may well be suspected by her of having selfish and ulterior aims. America stands above suspicion."—*New York Evening Post.*

"Highland Mary's" Grave. An action has been called before Lord Sander in the Edinburgh Court of Session in which Margaret Brown Johnstone, of Linthouse, Govan, and others seek to have the heritors of the West Parish Church, Greenock, interdicted from selling the old burying ground of the parish, which contains the grave of "Highland Mary," the early love of Robert Burns. The pursuers claim to have a "patrimonial interest in the ground, and therefore object to its sale."

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## ATHENS AND BERLIN.

More Documents of the Old Regime.

Athens, Nov. 6.—The Government is preparing to publish in popular book form, as an abiding reminder of the deceitful manner in which ex-King Constantine sacrificed the interests of his people for the sake of his cherished connection with the Kaiser, the whole series of secret telegrams exchanged between Athens and Berlin before the dethronement. These telegrams number 59 in all. The following is a slightly abridged translation of further documents of the series that were communicated to me to-day:—

From Ex-King Constantine to M. Theotokis [Minister at Berlin] March 10, 1916:—  
"Falkenhayn has informed us of the intention of the Allied troops to occupy the Pass of Demir Hissar, between Mounts Bales and Tchonghel, as a defensive measure in consequence of the action of the Anglo-French, and has requested us to evacuate that sector. I replied that we were awaiting from the Imperial Government the declaration that has been demanded."

From M. Theotokis to the King, June 6, 1916:—  
"The Chancellor sent for me and requested me to express to your Majesty his concern re the configuration at Tatoi and his joy at your Majesty's and your family's escape. In my official dispatch 1939 your Majesty will find an account of the official part of our conversation. My present dispatch will, therefore, confine itself to the confidential talk of the Chancellor."

"In regard to Prince Nicholas's journey to Russia, I deemed it right to explain the character of this mission. I [explained] to him that the visits of Prince Nicholas and Prince Andrew to Petrograd and London respectively have no political, but solely dynastic objects. The prince is instructed to explain your Majesty's policy to the Sovereigns of Russia and Great Britain and to impress on them that the policy followed by their Governments in Greece only tends to undermine the Throne without practical advantage. He laid stress on the fact that the objects of their 'Highnesses' mission were strictly defined, having no reference to your Majesty's political orientation, and are particularly to revive the sympathies existing between the Royal Family and the Courts of Petrograd and London, which had latterly much cooled. Led by expressing the hope that the Emperor and the Imperial Government would understand the necessity of these steps."

"Hollweg replied that he understood perfectly the necessity which dictated this course, and expressed the hope that it would be successful. He thanked me for the frank and loyal statements I had proffered and begged me to call on Jagow and repeat my statements to him in order that he might communicate with the Emperor. By the number of questions the Chancellor asked in connection with Prince Nicholas's journey and the possibility of his visiting Berlin, I inferred that he would like to meet his Royal Highness on his return from Petrograd. If your Majesty sees no objection to such a visit I venture to beg for your Majesty's commands."

## MAN CONFESSES TO 23 MURDERS.

Many Crime Mysteries Cleared.

Ralph Danielle, known also as "Ralph the Barber," who was brought back to New York from Reno, Nevada, recently, having been indicted in Kings County for the murder of a boy in Navy Street, Brooklyn, has confessed according to Mr. Edward Swann, District Attorney, to having been implicated in twenty-three murders committed in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Long Island City, Yonkers, and Philadelphia.

The confession, Mr. Swann says, was made before him and an Assistant District Attorney, of his staff, and Assistant District Attorney Warbare, of Kings County.

In his confession, Mr. Swann said, Danielle cleared up many unsolved murder mysteries and gave as his reason for the murders the fact that the victims had gained the enmity of a Brooklyn gang known as the "Neapolitans" and a gang in Manhattan known as "The Sicilians."

Among the murders mentioned by Danielle, Mr. Swann said, was the murder of Guiselle Gallucci, the Harlem "Gambling King," two years ago.

As the result of Danielle's revelations, Detectives D. Martino, Pucciano, and Gravano started out to round up the men mentioned in the confession, and later arraigned before Judge Nott in General Sessions, Ciro Morelli, his brother, Vincent, and Nicholas Arre, residents of Harlem's Little Italy and nephews of "Lupo, the Wolf," now serving forty years in Atlanta for counterfeiting. These men were held in \$15,000 bail each by Judge Nott, and Mr. Swann announced that any attempt to bail the men would result in their being arraigned on charges of murder.

that I may communicate them to the Prince on his arrival here. I may add that all necessary precautions can be taken that the proposed interviews remain secret."

From M. Theotokis to the King, June 13, 1916:—

"Recent events in Greece have created a great impression here. It is generally admitted that we could not do otherwise than yield, although it is remarked that we might have yielded, conditionally upon the evacuation of our own territory by the Entente troops, seeing that now the Parliamentary elections will be held under the pressure and influence of Anglo-French bayonets."

"But this is a mere academic expression of opinion. People here quite realise your Majesty's difficulties, and do not desire to increase them by advice or suggestions. There is reason to believe that the people here will accommodate themselves to the new situation of affairs, though they seriously fear that the pressure of the Entente, with the connivance of Venizelos, will continue, in order, by provoking internal troubles, to achieve their well-known aims. What greatly preoccupies the German official mind is the idea that Venizelos, backed by the Entente, may triumph at the elections, an event which would have undesirable consequences. They have a lively regret for the departure of Skoulodis, who had won their confidence and esteem."

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## DEATH.

DANENBERG.—Mrs. C. Danenberg, of No. 1, The Albany, aged 74, on the 19th January, 1918.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1918.

### RUSSIA'S DEMORALISATION.

Russia is unquestionably going from bad to worse. The Bolsheviks or Soviets, or whatever is the correct name of the fanatic, into whose hands Russia and the Russian nation have been, wily, nifty, committed, appear to have no sense of restraint or of fairness, no sense of decency in their national and international relations or knowledge of political economy—nothing, indeed, save an insensate, maddening, and almost, one would think, a morbid selfishness, which tolerates nothing of which it cannot or will not approve or is incapable of understanding. The outlook for Russia during the past few months has been black indeed, and, judging by the latest telegrams, the situation is emphatically very serious. The news from Petrograd, which we published in yesterday's issue, is almost painful in the depth of stupidity, crass ignorance, gross indifference to the most elementary rights of the many classes that constitute society in Russia as elsewhere and in many other blemishes (to call them by no harsher name) that are therein so abundantly revealed. Likewise, the news makes very funny and entertaining reading—the sort of thing which provokes a kind of spontaneous commingling of laughter and tears. For example, could anything be, at one and the same time, more painful or more exquisitely funny than the Soviet's "Declaration of the Workers' Rights," which, for unalloyed selfishness and class tyranny, has surely never been equalled in modern times by any nation? The Bolsheviks evidently seek to establish something that is little better than mob law, in which the workers are to be glorified, almost deified, and in which there is to be not the slightest consideration for the other elements—and the best elements, mark you—of Russia's enormous population. The Bolsheviks, doubtless the most bitter against the Romanoff's bureaucratic tyranny, seek to set up a tyranny just as complete and which probably, if ever it unhappily matures, will be very much worse in many respects.

The trouble at present seems to have been between the Bolsheviks and other members of the Constituent Assembly, which at last had been brought together after many strange happenings. With its appearance one would have imagined that even the Bolsheviks would have welcomed it as the most likely means of changing the existing chaos into some sort of order. But what has happened? No sooner has the Constituent Assembly (which, presumably, is the nearest approach to a body representative of all classes that Russia can aspire to at present) met than the Bolsheviks, emulating the modern Huns in their worst characteristics, resort to an exhibition of might over right that is deplorable in every respect and which bodes sadly for Russia's immediate future. On the occasion of the meeting of the Assembly what do we find? The Bolsheviks plainly showing their attitude towards anything approaching authority by setting up an opposition to it that is positively intolerable. We read that "at the gangway" they stationed "sailors armed with rifles while at the entrance they placed two field guns." If they would but point their rifles at the heads of the enemy and put their field guns to proper use they would command the respect of the world but this, of course, is too much to expect from a hopeless set of fanatical fools such as are the Bolsheviks. From bad to worse they proceeded. Within twenty-four hours the Assembly was dissolved and the reign of disorder and stupidity given a fresh impetus. Truly a pitiable state of affairs.

And what could be more maddening than the Bolsheviks' political programme? It reads like a bad joke. Here are a few of the items:—The abolition of private ownership, work to be compulsory, the workers to be armed, the leisured classes to be disarmed, the organisation of a Socialist Army, the repudiation of loans. That is all, but is it not more than enough? Is it not the most pitiful farrago of nonsense that ever emanated from an apparently sane body of politicians? So long as Russia tolerates men capable of uttering such imbecility she is doomed. Her affairs were bad under the Romanoffs; but, misdirected by the Bolsheviks, they are very much worse. And so long as this band of embryonic politicians is in power, so long will Russia remain the laughing stock of the civilised world, a vast mass of pitiful inertia buffeted about by fools.

### A Good "Bag."

After a long period of silence so far as naval actions are concerned, it is most refreshing to learn that the vigilance of the British Navy at the mouth of the Dardanelles has resulted in the sinking of the Breslau and the crippling of the Goeben. These two cruisers, it will be remembered, managed to escape into the Dardanelles in the very early days of the war and were subsequently "sold" to Turkey, along with their German crews, on the same day on which Britain declared war on Austria—August 19, 1914. Their incorporation into the Turkish Navy greatly strengthened that force, as both were quite modern craft at that time. Occasionally since the war we have had news of these cruisers indulging in periodical raids, but they have, in the main, worthily followed the example set by the so-called German High Seas Fleet by being content to remain in hiding. Possibly thinking that the British were too busily engaged elsewhere to bother about the Dardanelles, the commanders of these two boats evidently decided to make a dash to join the Austrian Fleet in the Adriatic, but Britain's seamen were on the watch, with the results already indicated. This little incident is a splendid tribute to the British command of the seas, and we imagine that Turkey feels very sick to-day over the loss of the best units in her Navy. Incidentally, with these two cruisers out of the way, what a splendid chance would offer itself to Russia to do a little naval work in the Black Sea were she in a fighting mood. But while such a development is unlikely we can at any rate feel gratified by the thought that once again British naval strategy has been too good for that of the Germans.

The "Court Cards" provided another most delightful evening at the Theatre Royal last night, these present greatly enjoying the bright and cheery efforts of the performers. The whole entertainment was marked by originality and quality, there being a very happy blending of mirth and music. To-night there will be a complete change of programme. Granted a Commission. Mr. G. T. May, son of 1st Class Mr. G. T. May, R.G.A., has been granted a Second Lieut. in the Royal Flying Corps. Mr. May volunteered for service outside the Colony and embarked for England in March last. Prior to leaving the Colony he served with the Asiatic Petroleum Company and was a member of the Civil Service Company, Hongkong Volunteers.

### The Enemy's Plight.

While things at home may not be as satisfactory as we should all wish them to be, still they are not in anything like the terrible condition in which they are in Germany and Austria. From time to time authentic news filters out from Berlin regarding the widespread want and disease that are everywhere to be seen throughout that land fortunate in being ruled by the Kaiser, the "All Highest," who blasphemously claims to be on intimate terms with God Almighty. Austria's internal affairs are likewise by no means improving, and telegrams to hand point to a state of affairs in Vienna that must be causing the Government of the Dual Monarchy serious concern. To widespread want and disease, as in Germany, there have been of late very grave industrial troubles. Strikes are reported to be increasing; slop, it is stated, "there have been big demonstrations in the capital, crowds blocking the traffic." An appeal is made to food workers and railway workers not to strike, because, adds the Labour organ that makes the request, "it only adds to the distress." To all appearance, therefore, as in Germany so in Austria-Hungary, the conditions prevailing are by no means such as the Teutonic world-be conquerers of the world would wish them to be. It all goes to prove that when an individual or a nation attempts to bite off more than he or it can chew, he or it very soon finds that there is nothing at all left to chew.

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### DAY BY DAY.

"THE LOVE OF PRAISE HOWEVER CONCEALED BY ART, REIGNS MORE OR LESS AND GLOWS IN EVERY HEART."

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the anniversary of the death of Gustave Dore, the artist (1833).

The Dollar. The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$2.115/8d. The closing rate will be found on Page 1.

Prize Day. The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, O.M.G., is to present the prizes at the Ellis Kadocrie School on February 4, at noon.

Raffle Result. Ticket No. 150 won the doll and chair, and ticket No. 59 won the Junior cooking stove raffish in aid of St. Dunstan's Home for Blindfold Soldiers and Sailors.

Defence Corps Orders. In the Defence Corps orders published on Friday a mistake occurred in regard to the annual musketry course being for "B" Company at King's Park Range on Thursday, the 24th inst., at 4.30 p.m. The order applies to No. 5 Platoon, and not to No. 6.

Lecture. The Union Church Guild meets to-morrow at 9 p.m., in the Lecture Hall, Kennedy Road, when the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, O.M.G., delivers his second lecture on British Malaya, the subject being "Forty Years Development in the Malay States." The lecture is open to the public.

Theft of Coal. A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing coal from a steamer in Harbour. Defendant told his Worship that the purser at the steamer gave it to him. His Worship did not believe the story and inflicted a fine of \$5 or, in default, seven days, hard labour.

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A Distressing Fatality. A shocking accident occurred outside No. 2 Police Station this morning, an Indian fireman being accidentally knocked down by a tram car and run over. The wheels of the car passed over the man's abdomen before the driver of the vehicle could pull up. The car had to be primed up with jacks before the man could be extricated and it was then found that he was dead.

Opium Possession. A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being in possession of 29 tins of prepared opium. A lunkong stated that he was on the Douglas Wharf and saw three men whom he suspected. He went towards them. Two of them, throwing a parcel to defendant and advising him to get it and make his escape, jumped under the wharf and got safely away. One of the men struck him in the chest. He was able to get hold of defendant. Defendant was discharged and the opium confiscated.

Thefts from Talkoo Rifle Range. Two Chinese were charged before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Police Court this morning, with stealing five bags, the property of the Talkoo Rifle Range. Defendants said they felt a little cold and wanted a few bags to cover them when sleeping in the street. It was stated by a European sergeant that there had been a lot of petty thieving going on on the range, over \$200 worth having been done. Both men were sent to prison for six weeks each and four hours' stocks.

### COMPANY REPORTS.

The West Point Building Co., Ltd.

The twenty-ninth report of the General Agents of the above company states:—

The General Agents now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1917. The net profits for the year amount to \$78,009.87 which with \$2,688.87 the amount brought forward from the previous year makes an amount available for division of \$80,698.74. From this amount an interim dividend of \$3.00 per share has already been paid, and it is now proposed to pay a final dividend of \$3.00 per share making a total dividend for the twelve months of \$6.00 per share, and to carry forward the balance \$3,698.74 to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Hon. Sir C. P. Chater and Mr. A. O. Lang now retire by rotation, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith who now retires, and offers himself for re-election.

The Hongkong General Estate, Ltd.

The fourth report of the Board of Directors of the above company states:—

The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1917. The net profits for the period amount to \$84,927.57 which with \$11,119.57 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$96,047.14. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of \$7.00 per share absorbing \$70,000.00 and to carry forward the balance \$26,047.14 to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Dr. J. W. Noble having left the colony, the Rev. Father Robert was invited to join the Board in his place. Hon. Mr. David Landale and Hon. Mr. E. Shellim having resigned Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton and Mr. A. H. Compton were appointed in their place. These appointments now require confirmation. Rev. Father Robert now retires by rotation, and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and O. Bernard Brown who now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.

The twenty-ninth report of the Board of Directors of the above company states:—

The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1917. The net profits for that period amount to \$383,067.93 which with \$40,536.40 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$423,604.33. From this amount an interim dividend of \$3.50 per share has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a final dividend of \$3.50 per share and after writing off Manager Directors' fees there remains a balance of \$28,180.58 to be carried to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Hon. Mr. E. Shellim having resigned Mr. A. H. Compton was invited to join the Board in his place and this appointment now requires confirmation. Mr. H. P. White and Sir Robert H. Tang retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and O. Bernard Brown who now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

### TIENTSIN FLOOD RELIEF.

Hongkong Representative on the Council.

The following correspondence is forwarded us by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:—  
To the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, O.M.G.; Acting Governor of Hongkong.

Metropolitan Union Flood Relief Council.  
Shih-Fa-Ma Te Chieh,  
Peking, December 25th, 1917.  
Sir,—We have received a letter from our Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the effect that the Ministry has received a despatch from the British Legation in Peking informing it that the British Colony of Hongkong has donated, through its Acting Governor Hon. Claud Severn, one hundred thousand dollars (100,000) Hongkong currency for the purpose of relieving the flood sufferers of the Province of Chihli.

In acknowledging the receipt of this most bounteous offer, allow me, in the capacity of the President of the Metropolitan Union Flood Relief Council, to thank your good self and the Hongkong community for their esteemed sympathy with our cause. It is very generous of the Hongkong community of which you are the honoured chief to contribute so much money for the noble work of life-saving. We shall endeavour to make this fact known to the suffering people so that they may ever remember with gratitude the kindness of your community.

We shall also deem it a great honour if the Hongkong community would, through their esteemed Acting Governor, name any member of the British Legation in Peking to represent them to attend our weekly meetings and thus to supervise the disbursement of the relief fund.

With my best regards,

I beg to be,  
(SIGNED) HSUNG HSI-LING,  
President.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir John N. Jordan, G.C.I.E., K.O.B., K.C.M.G., His Majesty's Minister, British Legation, Peking.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th January, 1918.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of the 3rd January and your telegrams of the 17th January regarding the request of the Director-General of the Metropolitan Union Flood Relief Council that a representative of this country should be appointed on the Council, and that you proposed to designate Mr. Wilton for this purpose. I have telegraphed to-day that I concur in your proposal and I should be glad if you would convey to Mr. Hsiung Hsi-ling an expression of thanks from the Colony for his action in the matter.

I have to,  
(Sd) F. H. MAY,  
Governor, &c.

The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.

The sixteenth report of the Board of Directors of the above company states:—

The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1917. The net profits for the year amount to \$41,794.12 which with \$647,037.42 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$688,831.54. It is now proposed to pay a dividend 7 per cent. on the paid up capital, after providing for which there remains a balance of \$623,206.54 to be carried to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Hon. Mr. E. Shellim having resigned Mr. A. H. Compton was invited to join the Board in his place and this appointment now requires confirmation. Mr. H. P. White and Sir Robert H. Tang retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and O. Bernard Brown who now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

### TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The oldest bridge in Paris, the Pont Neuf—such is the oddity of nomenclature—celebrated an anniversary the other day—not of itself, but of the famous equestrian statue upon its crown, that of Henry IV. It was set in its proud place on the bridge a hundred years ago, and has been admired by countless British tourists ever since. Yet of those who have seen it how few know Chaudet's Napoleon, which adorned in 1815 the Vendôme Column (itself made of Napoleon's cannon), was melted up for the casting, as was also the Roman Napoleon on the top of the commemorative column at the Boulogne camp, whence the Corsican proposed to invade England. A third statue was added, that of Desaix (Napoleon's general, who was given command of the "English" army), which stood on the Place des Victoires. Thus the spirited presentation of Henri the Bearskin is a singular example of Imperial vicissitudes.

War brings about strange situations in commerce. Ireland complained that we bought too many of her potatoes last spring, and now says our profiteers are buying too much of her butter and forcing up prices. She had to make the same complaint in respect of yarn in the days before Arkwright. In spite of James Hargreaves the English warp was too soft, and could not be used for weaving, and we had to buy from Ireland. We bought so much that Irish manufacturers made angry protests on the subject to the authorities, just as they have this year about potatoes and butter.

Sir James Russell Rodd, our Ambassador at Rome, who is devoting part of a brief visit to London to lecturing on behalf of the Camps Library, is well qualified to speak on the subject of books, for he is a litterateur as well as a diplomatist. The outcome of his first diplomatic appointment—as Attaché in the Embassy at Berlin—was a book on the Kaiser's father, the Emperor Frederick, and since then his publications have included several volumes of poetry, of which the best known are "Rome in Many Lands" and "Ballads of the Fleet."

London clubs, despite their inevitable losses in wartime, are in many instances extraordinarily well used just now. George Augustus Sala once defined a club as "a weapon used by savages to keep the white woman at a distance." But ladies nowadays, besides having excellent clubs of their own, are frequent visitors to clubs which used to pride themselves on excluding them. And have not women replaced innumerable clubmen servants, and given members thereby a quicker service?

Men in civil life are becoming perplexed about their clothes. Time was when shabbiness was a hallmark of patriotism. The money earmarked in the family budget for a new suit of dimes was diverted to War Saving Certificates, and the well-worn working suit was given an extra press and an ammonia sponge down. But lately this little voluntary economy seems to have lapsed. Public opinion has not encouraged the shabby patriot to keep on with the old clothes, and so numbers of men are paying alms to their tailors with a plea on their lips, if not in their hearts, for the necessity of keeping up appearances.

No doubt Mr. Hall Cairne, newly created chief adviser to the film propaganda department of the National War Aims Committee, accepts the praise in the right spirit when Mr. Lloyd George writes that "you have, as I know, a reputation for work of this kind commensurate with your reputation as a man of letters." Still, seeing how little the general public knows of Mr. Hall Cairne as a cinema expert, the committee may excuse some of his views. His library is said to be the largest in the world.



## FROM THE PULPIT.

## Inviolable Home.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at Union Church on Sunday morning:—  
 "When thou dost lend thy brother any manner of loan, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge. Thou shalt stand without, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring forth the pledge unto thee."—Deut. 24/10-11.

They say that an Englishman's house is his castle, but it would seem that the same principle was understood, if not before Britain first arose from out the sea, certainly before it was heard of in civilised history. My text is an ancient enactment based upon still more ancient custom dating back no one knows how far. Primitive man no doubt defended his cave dwelling tooth and nail against intruders, as the wolf or lion guards his lair. But from that it is a long step to this Deuteronomic law which stamps the home of the humblest as a sacred place within which none but the dweller has rights. It is no castle, only a cottage, that my text speaks of. Its inmates are very poor. They need to borrow money, and something has to be taken out of the house, poor though it is, in security for the loan.

Now there is a right way and a wrong one of doing everything, as everybody knows. The Bible, being the greatest of books, condescends to things which are lowly, and gives careful instructions that this poor, pathetic transaction be not done in the wrong way. So we have this piece of considerate legislation along with one of two others about lending and pledge-taking. The lender is not to march up to the poor man's door, enter without knocking, and help himself; the borrower also is inferentially forbidden to invite him to do so. Both alike are reminded that a man in debt must not cease to be a man. His home remains sacredly his own, and whatever goes out of it goes only by his own taking. So long as a roof is over his head it is his roof, and no other man is master of rag or stick beneath it.

A text like this suggests so many things that it is difficult to choose amongst them. One thing, however, we must not pass by—it is God's consideration for the poor, seen in this piece of Divinely sanctioned law. Where men may see only the unattractive sordidness of straitened circumstance God takes thought of the hard lot of living men and women. "I am poor and needy," says one of the Psalmists, "yet the Lord thinketh upon me." Folk in comfortable ease "spiritualise" such a sentence as that, but the poor man takes it literally; and he is right. The Bible has always been the poor man's book, and always will be, for nowhere else is he so considered. And by the hand of Moses the Lord is not above thinking about even the pawn-shop, and putting an angel, as it were, by the door of it to see that the petty transactions of hard necessity are honourably and self-respectfully conducted. Nobody, I suppose, would call the institution desirable, but there is nothing in the nature of it dishonest. And after all the man who may honourably borrow thousands from his banker on security does much the same thing as the poor woman who steals out in the dusk to the broker's with an ornament from the parlour mantel under her abawl for fear the neighbours should see. Yes, and the Lord saw her though the neighbours did not, and made no record of her as the neighbours might.

He "considereth the poor." He takes note of the shifts and struggles and the splendid, brave character that so often underlies them. And in order that character might be formed and not spent, He gave this considerate law: "Stand outside the poorest man's home, even if you go to claim a debt from him. There is no liberties there which you would not venture in a mansion. Yet that have wealth respect the feelings of those that are in want. Respect their doorsteps and their persons. Even should they fail to do for themselves," The

cottage door often has no knocker, but your hand has knuckles: do not forget to use them. I cannot but think that this reminder as to the respect due to the poor is still needed, and, truth to tell, Church district visitors are among the worst offenders. It seems to be thought proper, in the name of religion, to go around interfering and directing and correcting among the poor in a style which these well-meaning meddlers dare never venture among their social equals, who are often much more in need of it. "Why don't you take them up Lookyer Street?—the fashionable quarter—a man in my hearing once in a Plymouth slum asked a trust distributor. It was many years ago, but I have not yet heard a satisfactory answer to the reproach. That may have little application to us out here, but it may come in the way of any of us, wherever we are to find others under obligation to us, or to come under obligation to others. Let us not forget, then, that there is a right way and a wrong way in all manner of the bearing of one another's burdens. There is a way which hurts feelings and lowers self-respect, lays on a heavier load than it lifts. There is also the other way which weaves a garland of grace around the gift, which eases a brother's load with a brotherly hand, a quality of mercy which is not strained nor self-conscious, and which leaves it doubtful whether it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Far beyond the matter of bonds and bills and I. O. U.s, stretches the whole area of daily life in which we become debtors one to another for needful words and acts of mutual charity. In giving such, or in accepting we come near to the threshold of other men's sacred places. Then halt there, if you would fulfil the spirit of God's law. "When thou dost lend thy brother any manner of loan thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge. Thou shalt stand without, and the man to whom the debt lend shall bring forth the pledge unto thee." Between brethren at any rate the common saying ought not to hold good that "who goes a borrowing goes sorrowing," who accepts a kindness is loaded with an obligation.

Let us briefly trace these principles, not as thus far as they bear on relations between man and man, but as they illustrate man's relations with God. The Christian gospel in especial reveals to us a law of grace. Through grace comes our redemption, and that implies that we are debtors, every one, to God for all we are and all we hope for. Our possessions are not our own; we hold them only as stewards under God. We ourselves are not our own; "bought with a price." But God scrupulously respects the personality which He has redeemed and endowed, and whatever is His due from us He does not seize upon, but asks for it. He forces no entrance to claim that which is already His own, but "stands without," as it were, and waits for us to bring forth to Him whatever we offer in recognition of our indebtedness, in fulfilment of our vows, in discharge of our duty.

As to our possessions, "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and only wants what is given freely, though having full claim on all. As to our service, He will have no forced labour; His work must be done by willing hands. His battles fought by volunteers. As to our very selves, His plea is always, "Son, give me thine heart." And as to these homes of ours these castles to which none may force an entrance, there is nowhere that the Lord would rather meet with us, so long as He comes an invited guest. The gospel narratives would be very strangely different without the glimpses they give of our Saviour's participation in the home life of the people—at the marriage at Cana; in the quiet of Bethany, where a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house, in Jericho, where blind Bartimeus ran ahead to open his door; at Matthew's spread table, where many publicans and sinners shared the feast. But He is always the invited guest, except indeed at Jericho, where so no man's heart, though when He invited himself because the door does open He will refuse to enter none.

## THE POLICE MURDER.

## Accused Again Before the Court.

William Percy Blomfield, the soldier charged with wilful murder of Lieut. Sergeant N. G. Johnstone, appeared on remand from last Tuesday before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning. Mr. T. H. King, A.S.P., asked for another week's remand. Mr. Hall, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, was present in Court and said Mr. Grist had been instructed to defend prisoner. His Worship:—Are you objecting to another week's remand? Mr. Hall:—No. We have no objection. Prisoner was formally remanded until Tuesday next.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

## WAR TAX REFUND.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—Pursuant to my undertaking to pay over to War Charities all refunds of the special War Tax made by my tenants, please be so kind as to accord me space in your columns for acknowledgment of the following in respect of the Fourth Quarter of 1917:—  
 Fung Tang Kee Firm... \$30.45  
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 \$176.52

I would like to add that a cheque for the above total amount of \$176.52 has been forwarded to the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Hon. Secretary of the War Charities Fund, for disposal as the War Charities Committee may determine.

Yours etc.,  
 R. HO TUNG.  
 Hongkong, Jan. 21, 1918.

## FOOTBALL.

## To-morrow's League Matches.

In the United Services League, the Royal Engineers meet the 25th Middlesex Battalion to-morrow on the Navy Ground, Happy Valley, kick-off at 4 p.m. The Royal Engineers will be represented by:—Clarke, Charters and Lucas; Horport, Smith (Capt.) and White; Strange, Townsend, Gordon, O'Brien and Pascall.

In the 2nd Division of the Hongkong League the Royal Engineers Reserve meet the 88th Co. R.G.A. on the Navy Ground, kick-off at 2.30 p.m. The R.E. Reserve will be represented by:—Heath; Simonds and Craik; Shanks; Cackow (Capt.), Waller and Webber; Millard, Durose, Baker, Todd and Reakes.

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## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (2.), state:—

Musketry, Part I, Correction. With reference to Orders of January 21 and 22, the men required to fire on Sunday, January 27, are the men of No. 2 Company (and not of No. 2 Platoon) who have not yet fired.

Parades Central 5.30 p.m. The following units will parade under the D.S.P. at Central Station on the dates mentioned. Helmets to be worn. Inspectors will carry swords.

Monday, January 28.—Whole of No. 1 Company.

Wednesday, January 30.—Whole of No. 2 Company.

Thursday, January 31.—Whole of No. 3 Company and Ambulance (with stretchers).

Inspectors and Sergeants. All Inspectors and Sergeants (including Bandmaster and Dr. Sergt. in charge of Drummers) will attend at Headquarters Club at 5.45 p.m. on Thursday, January 24.

Band and Orchestra. Wednesday, January 23.—Band Practice.

Monday, January 28.—Orchestra Practice.

Tuesday, January 29.—Band Practice.

## TRAMWAY RETURNS.

The following is the approximate statement of the Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending January 19th, 1918:—

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate for 3 weeks.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI and Kobe...	Atsuta Maru Capt. Shimizu T. 16,000	TUES. 22nd Jan. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama...	Kamo Maru Capt. Shimizu T. 16,000	TUES. 5th Feb. at 11 a.m.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI and Yokohama...	Tango Maru Capt. Akamatsu T. 13,500	FRIDAY 15th Feb. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and Yokohama...	Colombo Maru Capt. Doki T. 8,000	MONDAY, 28th Jan.
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referred to in Special Notice to

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s.s. Poochi, which lies sunk in

the fairway of the South Channel

Entrance to the Yangtze River.

The wreck, lies in about 40 feet

of water, with the tops of her

masts and funnel showing. From

the wreck, Kiutoan Beacon bears

S. 18½° W., distant 1.89 miles.

A "green" buoy, showing an

occulting "red" light every 8

seconds, this—Light 4 seconds,

eclipse 4 seconds, has been

moored about ½ cable to the

north-eastward of the wreck.

From this buoy, Kiutoan Beacon

bears S. 19½° W., distant 1.5

miles. All bearings given are

magnetic, and depths are those

of low water of spring tides.

An Old Story Repeated

I was permitted on Wednesday

to attend the launching of an

Atlantic port of one of America's

new ships, an oil tanker (says the

Times Washington correspondent

writing recently). The land on

which I stood was a barren waste

15 months ago. It is now a

large shipyard, increasing in

size daily and employing

thousands of men. Besides the

tanker launched I saw on the

ways two big Cauders more

than three-quarters completed,

and three big mine-sweepers for

the American Navy. The whis-

tles had not stopped blowing to

celebrate the launching of the

first ship built before the keel of

another ship was being laid on

the same ways. The ship launched

had her engines, and was more

than 90 per cent. ready for sea.

It is almost magical the creation

of this great yard. The rapidity

of the construction of the vessels

and the enormous enthusiasm of

the men engaged on the work

form one of the most heartening

sights I have ever seen.

Steamers and Vladivostok Port.

Several British steamers which

are on their way to Vladivostok

with American war supplies have

been instructed to proceed to

Wakamatsu and to wait there

until further news from Was-

hington, says "Shipping and

Engineering." In New York

there are three steamers of the

Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the

Hakata Maru, the Tetsu Maru

and the Tsuruga Maru ready to

carry war supplies from New

York to Vladivostok which have

been ordered to stop loading.

Among the Japanese steamers

which are now on their way to

Vladivostok with war supplies

from American ports are the

N.Y.K.s. Toyoko Maru and the

N.Y.K.s. Tokuyama Maru,

which sailed from San Francisco

November 27 and December 17

respectively. They will go to

Yokohama instead of going to

Vladivostok. There are also

more than ten neutral steamers

already on the Pacific bound for

Vladivostok. Arrangements are

now being made to stop these

ships at Japanese ports. The

Danish motorship Colombia

arrived at Yokohama from

Vladivostok on December 30 with

a cargo of approximately 9,000

tons, chiefly railway material



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## SOUTH CHINA AFFAIRS.

Canton Parliament and Foreign Loans.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date of January 21 as follows:—

An official communication in the name of the Special Parliament has been dispatched to the British Minister in Peking, explaining that the Parliament has been ruthlessly treated in Peking by Tuan Chih-jai's military force and an illegal organ established. The constitutional laws are thus violated, therefore a Special Parliament has been established in Canton to represent the opinion of the Republic. The Treaties made by the illegal Government cannot be recognized, especially the foreign loans, the recognition of which would only cause the civil war to become more terrible. In view of the sympathy shown to the Republic by all friendly nations a resolution was passed in the Parliament to request the leader of the diplomatic body in Peking to request the other Ministers to instruct their respective Governments not to advance any loan or permit the surplus of the salt revenue or the Customs duties or the money from the postponement of indemnities to be handed over during the unsettled condition of the country. A reply is humbly expected.

On receiving an urgent telegram from Kowloon for reinforcements against Lung Chai-kwong's troops, the Tachon ordered Ngai Pong-ping, the Superintendent of Police, to send the troops which he has under his control to Kowloon.

A report from Sun Hing district (about 30 miles south of Shui Hing) states that Lung's troops, after capturing Yang-chung, are now proceeding in that direction. The Defence Commissioner of Shui Hing is now distributing troops in important positions.

Wu Ting-tang, owing to the failure of a settlement between the North and South, is to leave for Nanking to consult with the Tachon there.

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## WAR LETTERS.

Some Incidents of Life at the Front.

The following are extracts from letters received by Lieut. J. P. Jones, R.G.A., Hongkong, from his brother, Capt. D. Harris Jones, R.A.M.C.—

"For some reason, soldiering and the epistolary style are not compatible, so I shall try to summarize. On August, 1915, I joined up, served a few weeks at Sheffield, and was first of my batch to leave for a battalion as I had had considerable O.T.C. training. Stayed around Salisbury with a Divisional Ammunition Column R.F.A. and went out with them early in January. In May transferred by request of A.D.M.S. to Field Ambulance, and got the special job of running the most advanced collecting post in my division for the July 1st stunt. Said goodbye to Peter Jones a few hours before he was killed—he then predicted his immediate death—bore the brunt of collecting wounded for the worst period, was sent to hospital as infectious whooping cough about July 18th, but was really slightly gassed. Was back again in a week, although supposed to be for Blighty. Exchanged with the Medical Officer of the Lincoln and have been with the Lincoln continuously since, except for slight rheumatic fever in March. Again booked for Blighty but kicked against going. I cannot say how often I have seen the personnel of my battalion—change. Quartermaster, transport officer and Adjutant with myself would now make a dinner party. Understand?"

"Have been counter-attacked by hordes of Boches to within thirty-five yards of my mid-post-stretcher bearers had rifles to defend the wounded, myself an automatic. Myself found and brought in wounded who had lain four, five, six and seven days. By the way, I patented a stretcher some time ago, but have not yet had verdict of Munitions Invention Board.

"I have not accumulated trophies they were too easy to get—but I have a very few, one Boche corporal's tunic with three ribbons, including two grades of Iron Cross, that I myself took off him when he died upon our wire. I sent it to Brigade with many valuable papers, and they returned it to me. Another, a Boche's helmet which I wore when yet they were rare, causing my own major to draw his revolver at me when I appeared unexpectedly, on one critical occasion I was ordered never to wear it again, so got it home. I have also a letter of which I am proud, written by my C. O. asking that as a special occasion my leave should be postponed owing to 'forthcoming operations'.

"It was not postponed, else I believe my name would have been gazetted before Richard's, a brother of the writer, as it proved our most successful stunt, though we had four officers killed and out of my thirty-two stretcher bearers only eleven escaped.

"I have been very keen on my work and had a few adventures which would baffle your imagination; but I believe not more extraordinary than any officer who has survived several months of infantry fighting has had. I myself this year had the good luck to find two German prisoners and to bring them in wounded. I also pinched a revolver from the officer who was beside them dead. The same trick no doubt had hampered my search parties the previous night. "Johnny Cattenach was killed on his third day in Gallipoli—he died nobly. Billie Rags fell in the Arras battle, the one to which many of my aboriginal friends are. Hundreds of other of my friends have gone—of you know somewhat as I do of this war you would wonder that Richard or even myself have survived. I had a very fair share of leave from France; because I worked conscientiously while there and was always with infantry then say M.O. of my Division. After three months with infantry it is understood that a change can be made. I have not yet decided on what to do next.

"The 'Johnny Cattenach' referred to in Dr. J. Cattenach's King's, the famous shinty player, and Scottish International hockey player of a few years ago. Billie Rags is also from Liverpool—Ed. H.K.T."

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

To-Day's Cases.

At the opening of the second days proceedings of the January Criminal Sessions, at the Supreme Court this morning, the Chief Justice (Sir William Bess Davies) passed sentence on the three men who pleaded guilty yesterday to armed robbery at Lau Tao. There were six prisoners charged in connection with the affair, and the three who pleaded not guilty, took their trial yesterday afternoon, the jury eventually acquitting them. The men sentenced this morning were Ku So, Fung Yeung-long and Lam Fo Tak.

Asked if they had anything to say the prisoners said that they had become mixed up with the affair through other people. They had had to plead guilty because they had no defence, and also because they feared being beaten by the Police.

His Lordship, in passing sentence, said it was a very bad case. It was perfectly clear that they went to the village in the dead of the night intending to commit a wholesale robbery. They attacked two unfortunate women, one of whom had since died, as a result, it was said, of the fright she had received. The sentence of the Court would be imprisonment for six years with hard labour and each receive ten strokes with the 'cat'.

Charge of Forgery. Cheung Lu-man, pleaded not guilty to a charge of uttering a forged request.

The jury was composed as follows:—Messrs. L. E. S. Hodge, Job Wicheal, H. M. de Silva, E. Sonderman, U. Gonella, A. Tucker, and J. E. W. Beard. Mr. G. H. Wakeman Crown Solicitor, conducted the case and in stating the facts, said the prisoner tried to put through a forged request for the payment of \$200. The prisoner visited the office of the Sai Kong Hong Ip Co; in Hongkong and produced a letter of credit purporting to come from the Kwong Cheung shop at Wuchow. This was later followed by a letter, seemingly posted from Wuchow, but delivered by a runner, this letter having obviously been sent by the prisoner in order to make the affair appear more genuine. When the manager of the shop at Hongkong examined the signature and stamp on the request he found that they were not genuine. He informed the police and when the prisoner called again the money was paid over to the prisoner who was arrested by a detective in the shop.

Evidence was then given by the parties in the case, which went to prove that the letter of credit was a forged one. Prisoner was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

## MARINE COURT INQUIRY.

This morning, at the Marine Court, an enquiry was opened into the conduct of the late Chief Officer of the a.s. Manapouri, Mr. Major, on a complaint by the master, Captain M. E. Wilson, that on November 12, 1917, he disobeyed lawful commands and forcibly took command of the ship. The allegation of the master was that Mr. Major gave an order to the helmsman and to the engine room, contrary to his (the Captain's) orders and judgment and did order the helm hard aport and the engines full speed ahead to keep clear of a light three points on the port bow. Mr. Major stating that light to be a mistleed light and a green side light. It is alleged that the action of Mr. Major jeopardized the ship and the lives of 600 people on board, he being accused of disobeying the Captain's helm and engine room orders for about ten minutes, after which he handed back the command of the ship.

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## TONNAGE FAMINE.

A Scramble for Food.

The economic crisis will not reach its climax until after the end of war. Then, if not before, the continent of Europe—the whole continent—will be on the verge of famine. That word is not used loosely, for the position will be one involving the lives of millions of people. War is the creator of famine, as history records. The famine in England in the closing years of the sixteenth century, which gave us our Poor Law, was the sequel to the rising of Mary Queen of Scots, the struggle against Spain, the campaign in Ireland and other events which dragged down the State; the close of the Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars brought this country face to face with privations—terrible in character. In short, war, which withdraws large bodies of men from agriculture, involves shortage of food, besides other things. This world war will prove no exception. The effects will be more widespread, because never before have there been so many million men under arms—all of them not only unproductive, but themselves consumers of the limited resources of the world.

Towards the close of the last Great War in Europe—in 1811-12—all the harvests failed, as they failed partially during the past year, and as they will probably fail to an even greater extent next year. The French harvest of 1917 was 38 per cent. below that of 1913; in every other country on the Continent the experience was much the same. Our position, owing in large measure to the energetic policy of the Board of Agriculture, and in larger measure of the free sea, promises to be better than there was warrant to expect at one time. But the peoples across the North Sea and the English Channel are rapidly approaching an economic debacle such as has never before been witnessed. Everywhere the populations have been for some time existing on reduced supplies, and those supplies are becoming still more restricted.

What will be the effect of peace? It is common knowledge that there is food to be had. In New Zealand to-day all the 1917 produce of the sheep runs is in cold storage; grain grown this year in Australia and purchased by the British Government for \$40,000,000 is in the granaries still; Argentina has 4,000,000 tons of exportable produce; Canada, as well as the United States, has a surplus for the following March of the same position exists in Egypt, India, and elsewhere. Quantities of food exist—though far below the normal and as soon as the war closes there will be a wild scramble for it on the part of all the nations of Europe. But between the peoples on this side of the world and these resources are the great oceans, and the only means of bridging them will be ships.

Then, again, when the troops lay down their arms, the problem will have to be faced of re-establishing Belgium, and Serbia, and Montenegro; we shall have to make good the ravages committed by German soldiery in that fair-land; Russia's position will be desperate for she is without food and her transport has broken down. We shall also be confronted with our own problems. Millions of our own men will be in the various theatres of war, and there will be the troops from the Dominions, all of them clamouring to return home. In each and every case the demand will be for ships.

At the time when this cry is raised the world will realize that the war has, in large measure, brought a severe restriction on the regular vein of Europe. Under normal conditions, no nation in the Old World can exist in comfort for a long period except it is able to secure supplies over the sea from the New Worlds on the other side of the Atlantic and in the Pacific. It is not only food that is involved, but raw materials of raw materials will be required for the economic reconstruction of the group of nations which have been blasted by the hand of war. For these and other half-yearly

belligere have been spending their capital, labour, and material resources in prosecuting the war. This country, France, Belgium, Italy, Russia, Serbia, Montenegro, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey will be in a worse state, for they are farther advanced on the road of destruction than the Allies. The neutral nations are also sufferers; they are without exception on the edge of an economic precipice, not knowing from month to month how life is to be supported in future. The war is bringing the whole of Europe face to face with the problem of existence. The problem will become acute as soon as peace comes and the artificial conditions of war are removed. The great wealth-producing engines have been idle, and with the first whisper of peace hungry hands will be stretched out across the oceans for material needed for making new homes, for the machinery of industry, for clothing, and for food. It will then be realized that the only palliative for the ills which war has brought in its train is to be found in ships.

Every man and woman in Europe will then understand the extent of the desolation and loss which piracy has worked on the seas, severing arteries necessary to their welfare. The First Lord of the Admiralty stated the other day that our net losses of merchant tonnage—ships of 1,600 tons and over—had amounted to 2,500,000 tons since the beginning of the war; we have built a relatively small amount of tonnage ourselves, and we have purchased other tonnage, and 2,500,000 tons is the net loss in big ships, apart from smaller vessels which have been sunk. Germany's gross losses have been about equal to our net losses; we do not know to what extent that enemy has been able to build. Austria-Hungary's loss has been proportionately as large. Neutral nations are weaker to the extent of about 2,000,000 tons. What do these statements imply?

We must not be led astray by exaggerated figures of the tonnage from which these deductions have been made. We are concerned only with ocean-going ships, whereas the statistics usually quoted cover all vessels over 100 tons gross—coasting ships, small passenger vessels, and even yachts, in fact everything that floats above the minimum of 100 tons. It is by counting all miscellaneous ships—seas in overseas trade—that the total of 45,000,000 tons for the world's merchant navy is obtained. It is an entirely misleading, and indeed, perilous calculation, because it covers an impression of maritime strength which does not and never has existed. As an illustration, when the war broke out, this country was reputed to possess 8,236 vessels of 11,189,167 tons net. In point of fact, as Sir Norman Hill, the secretary of the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners' Association, showed in a paper prepared in 1915, we had at our disposal 3,875 vessels on any given day for our ocean trade—home, partly home and foreign, and foreign trades. Three thousand and six hundred and seventy-five ships in all, with an average tonnage of 2,731 tons net, was our maritime capital. In the case of some other countries, the proportion of shipping useful for overseas voyages was less. So, instead of complacently accepting statistics which are without reality, we must assume that the ocean-going tonnage of the world was about 29,000,000 tons when the war opened, and that in the interval, mainly owing to the piratical policy of the Germans, it has been reduced by millions of tons, and is still being reduced.

But that does not exhaust this aspect of the matter, for, under the pressure of war, vessels in the service of the Allies, as well as those belonging to neutrals, have been running without proper overhaul and repairs, and the time will come when a large percentage will have to be withdrawn from commission, in order that their defects may be made good. That does not all this portends. It brings us face to face with an after-war problem. How are we and the Allies going to secure ships, in what way shall we control our shipping resources? It brings us face to face with an after-war problem. How are we and the Allies going to secure ships, in what way shall we control our shipping resources?

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## A DISTINGUISHED ACT.

Death of Mr. W. Kendal.

Mr. W. H. Kendal, the well-known actor, who passed away on November 7, 1894, was born on December 10, 1844, and was 113 when he went on stage. After acting in London, Birmingham, and in Glasgow where he stayed for years, he came leading juvenile in Backus's company at the Haymarket in 1866, and remained there until 1874—that is, to within a year of Backus's retirement. Among the many parts he had here were—Romio, Orlaud-Young Absolute, Charles Swan, and Marlow. In August, 1891, he had married Margaret (Kidd) Robertson, the sister of W. Robertson, the dramatist, and after 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Kendal acted consistently together. They managed for a while the Opera Comique, and then Mr. Kendal had an interest in the Jolliffe's management of the old Jolliffe Theatre, where he played, among other things, Prince Flom in Gilbert's *Brokers' Hairs* and Colonel Blake in *A Son of Paper*. In 1878 he had the honor to appear at the old Prince of Wales Theatre, where some of his best work was done. Dr. Thoin in *Perk and Julian Beauclerc* in *Diplomacy* were among his most successful parts. In 1879 he had his first management of the Jolliffe Theatre with Sir John Elton, which lasted until 1882, and in which he added many more parts to an already long list. It was soon after this that Mr. and Mrs. Kendal began their succession of visits to America, varied with provincial tours, which kept them both out of London practically over a year, and their virtual retirement to London audiences.

Mr. Kendal, though largely overshadowed by his more eminent wife, was a very useful actor, in his youth handsome, elegant, and attractive; in middle age vigorous and capable of filling many different parts with success. He played an enormous number of characters, without ever striking out a particularly line for himself. He had the reputation of being an extraordinarily lucky man in financial matters, and inhabited a fine house in Portland Place and a country house in Yorkshire.

## Government House.

Sir James Stewart Lockhart and Miss Stewart Lockhart, who have been the guests of the Governor, have sailed for the United States of America. Mrs. Tador and Miss Ogilvie are staying at Government House.

## "Wild Oats" in Richmond Park.

As an experiment the Board of Agriculture ploughed up a portion of Richmond Park and sowed oats, but Sir Alfred Mond admitted in the House of Commons that the crop was not so good as expected, owing to unfavorable weather. Replying to Mr. E. A. Harris, Sir Alfred said he had been over the crops by farmers which were as bad as those at Richmond. (Laughter.) Mr. Harris: Was the crop an oat crop? Sir A. Mond said the advice of a great agricultural expert was taken. The oat crop had been extremely bad all over the country. Mr. W. Crockett: Were they wild oats? (Laughter.)

Are we going to permit neutrals to hold us to ransom, and look on while a general scramble takes place for "bottoms"? It is a rising to fabulous heights against us? What is to be the attitude of the Allies toward enemy shipping which peace will release? Those are matters which must be considered without delay, for if they be postponed until after the war, the situation will be so unfavorable that the Allies will be confronted with a most serious problem.







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